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1. About the middle of March 1950 all the Soviet advisers in Tsingtao left for Tsinan, where they are stationed. While in Tsingtao these Soviets avoided association with the local population of the city.*
2. In late March 1950 there was a rumor current in Tsingtao that the advisers from Tsinan were to be transferred to Tsingtao permanently. The airfields are being repaired, and a Chinese baker has been asked to undertake a contract to deliver 400 loaves of bread to the airfield daily.**
3. Food prices in Tsingtao remain steady, but the American dollar exchange has been rising. On 25 March 1950 the rate was Jen Min Piao \$42,000 to one American dollar.***
4. Many people in Tsingtao are dissatisfied with the Chinese Communist regime, and uprisings are reported in Shantung Province. Sixty percent of the shops in Tsingtao are closed because of lack of business, heavy taxes, and the enforced purchase of government bonds. Many are unemployed in the rural districts, and the farmers lack food.
5. Most of the Chinese Communist troops who were in Tsingtao have been sent south.
6. In late March 1950, twenty Japanese-made amphibious tanks which had been brought from Manchuria were being used in training Chinese Communist troops on Strand Beach.

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Comment. The advisers referred to here may be the engineers whose expected arrival was reported in [REDACTED] also reported 24 Soviet advisers attached to the Communist Naval Academy in Tsingtao. The thirty technicians reported in Tsinan in January 1950 have not been identified as connected with any particular sort of work. See [REDACTED]

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** Comment. The order for this quantity of non-Chinese food would indicate that a considerable number of foreigners is expected.

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*** Comment. The figure seems high.

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